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POLISH COLLECTION OF SCRAPPED ABRASIVES

The following excerpt from Gospodarka Materialowa offers an interesting comment on the purpose and effectiveness of the order of 3 March 1950 on scrapped abrasives:

Serious difficulties in importing abrasive powders of a medium grain size force the Polish abrasives industry to seek substitutes for carborundum, which is in short supply. Pulverized abrasive wheels which have been scrapped yield a satisfactory abrasive powder. The 3 March 1950 Directive of the Council of Ministers (Dziennik Ustaw, No 10, Item 109) defines broken abrasive wheels and other ceramic bonds as usable scrap, regardless of grain size or hardness, covered by the 23 January 1947 decree on the sale and economical management of usable scrap (Dziennik Ustaw, No 27, Item 105).

The purpose of the directive was to increase domestic reserves of this precious raw material for the abrasives industry, to achieve a measure of self-sufficiency, and to save foreign exchange.

In accordance with the 14 April 1950 Directive of the Ministry of Heavy Industry (Dziennik Ustaw, No 22, Item 193) nationwide management of scrapped abrasives was assigned exclusively to the Central Trading Office of the Metal Products Industry, which in turn delegated the job to the Bureau for the Sale of Abrasives in Bielsko, 82c Partyzantow Street.

The bureau's monthly reports indicate that the collection of abrasive scrap is very low. Evidently, many establishments using abrasive wheels do not appreciate the value of broken abrasive wheels and hold them in storerooms.

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